

## SPēD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

1. Why is Industrial Security a core vs. other disciplines? **Industrial Security was identified as a core discipline determined by a representative group of the Security Community.**
2. Can SPēD be used by the military? **Yes, SPēD training and certification can be used to complement Military Service training programs.**
3. Is SPēD a follow on to other Security programs, (e.g., Army CP35)? **SPēD is the recognized Security Program for DoD professionals, but will serve as a supplement to any existing training program.**
4. Explain critical work function vs. key activity. **Critical work functions describe major responsibilities of work. Key activities are major tasks involved in carrying out a critical work function. Performance indicators describe competent performance of a key activity. The DoD Security Skill Standards delineate 19 critical work functions, 92 key activities, and 530 performance indicators.**
5. Which organization will accredit this program? **Accreditation of this certification program is planned and the program is being designed to meet all accreditation standards. The proposed Institute is American National Standards Institute (ANSI).**
6. If you are not an Industrial Security Representative (ISR), can you still take the ISR course? Does policy allow for that? **No, training for ISRs is proprietary to DSS.**
7. Is Antiterrorism/Force Protection a separate specialty? **No, AT/FP it will be addressed as a general security training topic.**
8. Are soft skills captured, i.e., communications, briefing, etc.? **This program addresses security training for DoD personnel. Our SPēD web site will delineate the suggested soft skills and provide links to potential soft skill training.**
9. Is Risk Management identified as a training topic? **Yes, Risk Management will be addressed as a General Security Training topic.**
10. Is Program Management included for the executive level? **The Executive Level curriculum has not yet been defined.**
11. Can the ASIS certification be used? **Commercial certifications will not be considered in the program.**
12. Policy continues to change, are sustainment costs built in to support? **Yes.**
13. Will metrics be collected on this program? **Yes, metrics will be collected within our Learning Management System which will be the platform that will be used to deliver the training.**

14. Will this program require re-certification? **Yes, recertification is a requirement of an accredited certification program (terms of re-certification are under development).**
15. Can SIPRNET host SPēD? **No, not at this time.**
16. Will I be able to print the course documents? **Yes, resources and course content are printable.**
17. When testing out, what is the percentage required for a passing score? **The passing percentage will be determined during the design and development process.**
18. What's next with SPēD? **Please see the SPēD web site for program updates.**
19. How soon will course content be available for review? **We anticipate Level 1 courseware will be available for release during the third quarter of FY07.**
20. Will there be a training path for each specific Military Service? **No, however the curriculum is customizable to meet Service specific preferences.**
21. Can DoD contractors participate in the SPēD program? **Thank you for your interest in the Security Professional Education and Development (SPED) program. The intended audience for SPēD is DoD security professionals, including government and military security personnel, and contractors supporting the DoD security mission. All will have access to learning and certification resources through the DSS ENROL (Electronic Network Registration and On-line Learning) system. Please continue to check the DSS.mil website for information on availability of new courses and updates on the certification program.**
22. You've heard about SPēD and would like a briefing at your agency or organization? **The briefing that would be presented is the same briefing provided on our website. Actual in-person briefings will be determined on an individual basis. To request an in-person briefing, please send an email to the SPēD mailbox: [sped@dss.mil](mailto:sped@dss.mil). Please include the following information:**
- **Name**
  - **Agency and location**
  - **Phone number**
  - **Estimated audience**
  - **Date and time requested.**